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**NNABA CONGRATULATES ITS FIRST PRESIDENT THOMAS W. FREDERICKS
ON THE LAWRENCE BACA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Phoenix, AZ. – The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) takes great pride in announcing that Thomas W. Fredericks has been selected to receive the Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Federal Indian Law. The Award is presented each year by the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association at its annual conference on Indian Law.

Mr. Fredericks was one of the founding members of NNABA and served as its first president from 1973-1976. An enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of the Fort Berthold Reservation, Mr. Fredericks has had a long and distinguished career in federal Indian law. He has served as Director of the Native American Rights Fund and was confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs from 1980-81. He is currently the Senior Partner of Fredericks, Peebles and Morgan.

“Mr. Fredericks had devoted his career to advancing equal and fair treatment for Indian tribes,” said Mary Smith, NNABA President. “NNABA applauds its first President, Mr. Fredericks, on achieving this prestigious award named in honor of NNABA’s current Treasurer, Lawrence Baca.”

This year’s Award luncheon will be on Friday April 11, 2014, at the Hilton Hotel at the Buffalo Thunder Resort on the Pueblo of Pojoaque. For more information on the 39th Annual Indian Law Conference go to: <http://www.fedbar.org/2014-Indian-Law>.

Founded in 1973, NNABA serves as the national association for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian attorneys, judges, law professors and law

students. NNABA strives for justice and effective legal representation for all American indigenous peoples; fosters the development of Native American lawyers and judges; and addresses social, cultural and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

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